

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of **SB No. 445**, An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the Task Force on the Sale of Cats and Dogs from Inhumane Origins at Connecticut Pet Shops as written.

My Name is Margarette Wampold and I live in Tolland, CT. I vote in every election because it was instilled in me by my family that, as a citizen, it is my obligation to vote to support all of those that have gone before me and gave their lives in order for me to have this right. I am president of the South Windsor Kennel Club, a nationally recognized member club of the American Kennel Club. In addition, I am the Vice President of the New England Sporting Dog Association and a Member (former President) of the Irish Setter Club of Central Connecticut. I guess I do not have to tell you that I have Irish Setters and I have had them all of my life.

I believe that every citizen of this state and this country should have freedom of choice (since this country was founded, many men and woman have given their lives in order that we have this right) and this applies to obtaining a family companion and where they want to get this companion and what kind they would like to have.

I wrote to some of you when you were on the Task Force expressing my concerns and I must admit I have been very surprised and pleased with the recommendations of the task force. I support **S.B. No. 445** as written and applaud the task force for coming up with a bill that is fair, and enforceable. I hope this bill passes as written.

Thank you,

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